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Subject: Request for Submittal of Plan Amendment, U.S. Gypsum, Company, Jumbo/Jensen Mine,

M/041/008, Task #2327, Sevier County, Utah

Dear Mr. Pawlosky:

The Division has received the Reclamation Cost Calculations - April 2008, and Maps:

- Map 1, NW Rev A
- Map 2, NE Rev A
- Map 3, SW Rev A
- Map 4, SE Rev A
- Map 5, Jumbo Rev A

The submitted maps show areas of active mining and proposed disturbance, but they cannot be easily inserted into the 1987 plan. Although the Division has determined the appropriate reclamation categories, reasonable unit costs, and representative indirect costs, have been identified in the Cost Calculations sheet; it does not reflect the content of the 1987 Operation and Reclamation Plan narrative. As a result, the Division will include this information as an Appendix to the Jumbo-Jensen Mining and Reclamation plan.

Please submit the above-identified Maps and Cost Calculations (pages 1-7) as follows:

- Two copies
- Maps folded and placed in a plastic 8 ½ by 11 sleeves,
- Include a plan insert tab, titled "Appendix"

In addition, a narrative is to be included and incorporated as part of the plan that explains that the contents of the Appendix accurately describe the existing disturbance and the Cost Calculations reflect the current and future reclamation costs. Please include the number of bonded acres, disturbed bonded acres, and undisturbed bonded acres in the narrative. This information will be used in the evaluation of existing and future disturbance until the necessary plan modifications are made.

When submitting the Appendix contents, please complete form MR-REV, and include a cover letter. In the RE: or Subject portion of the cover letter, please indicate the submittal is a <u>plan amendment</u> and the number of copies submitted (2), and separate each submittal set with a note flag.

This action is considered a Division amendment; therefore public notice is not required.

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The Division has confirmed the meeting on June 25, 2008 to discuss necessary actions to modify the plan to accurately reflect operational conditions and the reclamation plan. Again, the content of the Appendix will provide a more accurate representation of the current/future circumstances as applied to this mine until the plan modification is complete.

If you have any questions and/or need assistance with the implementation of the outlined actions, please contact me (801 538 5258) or Beth Ericksen (801 538 5318).

Sincerely,

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INSTRUCTIONS to REVISE or AMEND MINING OPERATIONS NOTICE OF INTENTION

When an operator intends to revise or amend a mining operation, a **notice** to Amend or Revise the mining and reclamation plan **must be submitted** to the Division **and approved prior to creating any disturbance beyond what has already been approved.** The notice must include all information, concerning the revision or amendment, that would have been required if it had been included in the original Notice of Intention (NOI).

"REVISION" means a significant change to the approved Notice of Intention to Conduct Mining Operations, which will increase the amount of land affected or alter the location and type of onsite surface facilities such that the nature of the reclamation plan will differ substantially from the approved Notice of Intention. Revisions require a formal public notice of tentative approval and may require a change in the amount of reclamation surety.

"AMENDMENT" is an insignificant change to the approved Notice of Intention. An amendment requires Division approval, but does not require public notice.

The Division will determine whether a request for change is significant or insignificant on an individual case-by-case basis.

Instructions:

- Changes to the mining and reclamation plan are made by providing a completely new plan or by <u>adding</u>, <u>replacing</u>, or <u>removing</u> pages to the current plan. Detailed instructions for adding or replacing pages and maps must be included (please identify on the attached form MR-REV-att).
- Text changes should be shown in a redline/strikeout format.
- The amended application should be accompanied by a cover letter: referring to the permit number, operator name and mine; describing the contents; and referencing any Division action that initiated the change (i.e. Notice of Violation, previous review, Division Order).
- The submitted revision or amendment must be complete and should not rely on additional materials that will be submitted at a later date.
- Form MR-REV-att, or equivalent, must be submitted with the application for change.

After the Division conditionally approves the change, two clean copies will be requested which will be stamped "approved" and one copy returned for your copy of the mining and reclamation plan. The change is now approved and you may proceed with your plans.

Identify any changes this modification will have to:

I. General Information (R647-4-104)

- Location of Proposed Activities:
- COUNTY
- TOWNSHIP, RANGE, SECTION(S) (Identify to 1/4, 1/4 section)

Ownership of Land Surface:

- Private (Fee) Identify Owners Name(s)
- State of Utah (SITLA) lands, Public Domain BLM), National Forest (USFS)

Ownership of Minerals:

- Private (Fee) Identify Owners Name(s)
- State of Utah (SITLA) lands, Public Domain BLM), National Forest (USFS)
- BLM Lease or Project File Number(s) and/or USFS assigned Project Number(s)
- Utah State Lease Numbers(s)

II. MAPS, DRAWINGS & PHOTOGRAPHS (Rule R647-4-105)

Appropriate maps, drawings, plates, etc. should be provided that are pertinent to the revision, or amendment of mining operations. Please provide a revised map outlining the previously approved and the new proposed disturbed area boundaries. These materials should be prepared according to the requirements of Rule R647-4-105.

III. OPERATION PLAN (Rule R647-4-106)

All appropriate information requirements outlined under Rule R647-4-106 must be addressed in the application. Identify additional proposed surface disturbance. Include the total number of acres to be affected by the revision or amendment.

IV. IMPACT ASSESSMENT (Rule R647-4-109)

Provide information required under Rule R647-4-109 regarding projected potential surface and/or subsurface impacts that may be associated with the proposed change(s) in mining operations.

V. RECLAMATION PLAN (Rule R647-4-110)

Outline any proposed changes to the originally approved reclamation plan. Address all appropriate sections of Rule R647-4-110 as they apply to the proposed change(s) in mining operations.

VI. VARIANCE (Rule R647-4-112)

Identify any requests for variance from the requirements of rules R647-4-107, -108, or -111. A narrative justification and alternate methods or mitigating measures must be included for each variance request.

VII. SURETY (Rule 647-4-113)

Reclamation Surety:

Indicate whether the proposed activities will change the amount of work required to reclaim the mine site. If significant changes will result, then an itemized reclamation cost estimate should be provided (and attached) with direct reference to the specifics of the proposed change(s). This information will be used to assist the Division in determining any reclamation surety adjustments required for the operation.

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